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FROM AMB VANDEN HEUVEL

1. A MEMBER OF THE BRANDT COMMISSION SECRETARIAT TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY AMBASSADOR DJIN TCHOUNG KOUK, PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE MADE SEVERAL POINTS WHICH MY CONTACT THOUGHT WORTHY OF COMMUNICATING. THE MILITARY MANEUVERS WHICH BEGAN IN EARLY MARCH IN SOUTH KOREA HAD BEEN WATCHED WITH A SENSE OF GREAT CONCERN BY NORTH KOREA AND CHINA. THEY APPEAR TO BE ON A LARGER SCALE THAN EVER BEFORE WHICH IS A SOURCE OF CONCERN.

2. THREE YEARS AGO NORTH KOREA MADE A PROPOSAL FOR A PEACE TREATY. ALTHOUGH THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION IS REPORTED TO BE UNCHANGED, THE STATEMENT WAS MADE THAT IF THE US TOOK AN INITIATIVE NOW IT MIGHT MEET WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM THE NORTH KOREANS ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREA ITSELF WILL NOT TAKE AN INITIATIVE.

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3. I APPRECIATE THIS AS A FRAGMENTARY REPORT AND DOUBT THAT MUCH MORE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN GENEVA BUT IF THE DEPARTMENT DESIRES I CAN MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY OR ENLARGE UPON THE MESSAGE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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